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DEPARTMENT EXTENDS DEADLINE FOR STUDENTS TO APPLY FOR IDAHO SCIENCE & AEROSPACE SCHOLARS

BOISE – The Idaho State Department of Education has extended the deadline for Idaho high school juniors to apply for the exciting second year of the Idaho Science and Aerospace Scholars Program. Students now have until Monday, December 20, 2010 to apply!

Through this competitive Idaho Science and Aerospace Scholars Program, students from across Idaho take an engaging online course in space exploration and learn a broad range of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) skills aligned with Idaho's content standards. Based on their performance in this course, students are then selected to participate in a weeklong, all-expenses-paid, residential Summer Academy at Boise State University and NASA Ames Research Center in California.

“The Idaho Science and Aerospace Scholars Program and Summer Academy give Idaho students the unprecedented opportunity to work directly with experts in science, technology, engineering and mathematics at NASA and throughout Idaho,” Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna said.

Superintendent Luna worked with astronaut and Boise State Distinguished Educator-in-Residence Barbara Morgan in 2009 to create this competitive program in Idaho. Last year, more than 70 high school juniors participated in the inaugural year. Based on this success, the State Department of Education received a \$1.2 million grant from NASA to expand the program over the next two years. The state plans to serve 180 students this year.

Students can learn more about the experience of the Idaho Science and Aerospace Scholars Summer Academy by checking out our live blog of this summer's events at <http://educationidaho.blogspot.com/> or downloading ISAS Alumni Presentation at <http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/science/ISAS/index.htm>.

If you know of any high school juniors who have a passion for STEM subjects, please urge them to apply for this outstanding program. The application deadline is now **December 20, 2010**.

To apply, visit <http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/science/ISAS/index.htm> and download the application and instructions.

If you have questions during the application process, please contact Dr. Val Schorzman at (208) 332-6920 or vjschorzman@sde.idaho.gov.

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